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Application No. : 09/937,016

Filed : January 22, 2001

For : MOVABLE COVER FOR RIGIDIFYING AND/OR PROTECTING THE FRONT FACE OF AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR, SUCH AS A SNOWBOARD BOOT

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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
Expedited Procedure Requested
Examining Group. 3728
Attorney Docket No. P21432

Group Art Unit: 3728

Examiner: Jila Mohandes

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Request for Extension of Time.

No additional fee is required.

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PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 29, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the final Office action dated June 29, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

For reasons explained in the "Remarks" section below, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and the allowance of the instant application.